## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7016 of the First Extraordinary Session

## By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor Bethlehem Centers of Nashville on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those organizations that work tirelessly to empower the residents of their community through special programs and community outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, Bethlehem Centers of Nashville is one such social service organization, which offers a variety of programs that promote self-reliance and positive life choices for children, youth, seniors, and families primarily in the North Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, established in 1894, Bethlehem Centers of Nashville began with the offering of a kindergarten for children and a sewing circle for immigrant families in North Nashville; and

WHEREAS, today, Bethlehem Centers of Nashville serves more than 2,500 individuals, helping its clients break the cycle of poverty through numerous outreach programs and services for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, for 125 years, the volunteers and employees of the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville have dedicated themselves to improving the lives of others, and they are wholly deserving of our recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Bethlehem Centers of Nashville on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, commend its distinguished service to the greater Nashville community, and extend our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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